

Senate Resolution 980

By: Senators Chance of the 16th, Douglas of the 17th, Harp of the 29th and Staton of the 18th

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating the General Bill Livsey Highway; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, William J. Livsey was born June 8, 1931, at Clarkston, Georgia, where he
3 attended the public schools and there distinguished himself in scholastics and athletics; and

4 WHEREAS, after graduating from Clarkston High School he attended North Georgia
5 College where he further excelled scholastically and athletically, and he completed the
6 Reserve Officer Training Corps curriculum, graduating in June 1952, whereupon he was
7 commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army; and

8 WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, he served as a platoon leader in the Korean War, earning the
9 Silver Star for gallantry in action; and

10 WHEREAS, he continued to distinguish himself in his military career seeing further combat
11 duty in Viet Nam as Commander of an infantry battalion; rising through every level of
12 command position while serving in the United States and in four subsequent overseas tours,
13 and culminating his career with assignment as Commander in Chief, United Nations
14 Command/Commander in Chief, Combined Forces Command/Commander, United States
15 Forces, Korea/Commanding General, Eighth United States Army; and

16 WHEREAS, his military education included completion of the Army's Command and
17 General Staff College (where he was first in his class), the Armed Forces Staff College, and
18 the Army War College; and

19 WHEREAS, awards and decorations received by him also include the Defense Distinguished
20 Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Service
21 Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal with
22 "V" Device, and the Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device (with two Oak Leaf
23 Clusters); and

1 WHEREAS, General Livsey retired in 1987 after attaining the rank of four-star General, one
2 of only four Georgians ever to be so recognized by the United States Army; and

3 WHEREAS, after his retirement General Livsey served the people of our state as a member
4 of the Board of Trustees of North Georgia College and State University, his alma mater; and

5 WHEREAS, throughout his career of service around the world, General Livsey continually
6 maintained his home in our State of Georgia, residing today at his residence in Fayette
7 County with his wife Bena Sue Burns Livsey, originally of East Point; and

8 WHEREAS, General Livsey is credited with being among the first, if not the first, to remind
9 us that "Freedom is not Free"; and

10 WHEREAS, the life of unselfish service of General William J. Livsey has been dedicated to
11 securing and preserving the blessing of freedom to the people of the United States of
12 America, bringing honor and pride to his native State of Georgia.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 GEORGIA that the portion of SR 314 North running from its intersection with SR 85 and
15 running northerly to the Fayette County line shall be dedicated as the General Bill Livsey
16 Highway and the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and
17 maintain appropriate markers so dedicating said highway.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
19 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to General Bill Livsey and to the
20 Department of Transportation.